(b) The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with effect from December 3, 2005 to address the issues of provision of housing and civic amenities in slums/localities inhabited by the urban poor in addition to city-wide infrastructure facilities. The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) programme addresses housing and civic amenities in 63 identified cities. Similar problems of other cities are addressed through the scheme of Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The Mission period is 2005-2012.

Under the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, Central assistance is provided to States to enable the urban poor including slum dwellers to undertake self-employment ventures, develop/improve skills and access wage employment opportunities.

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

1935. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of slum dwellers in the urban areas in the country; and

(b) whether Government has any specific policy and strategy to rehabilitate all of them in their respective residential places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per Census 2001, the total number of slum dwellers in 1743 cities in the country, where enumeration was conducted, is 52.4 million.

(b) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) was launched with effect from 3rd December, 2005 with the objective of providing affordable houses and basic services to the urban poor, including slum dwellers. Under the component of Sub-Mission of Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP), 63 identified cities are covered. Other cities/towns are covered under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The guidelines of these schemes envisages that care is taken to ensure that the urban poor are provided housing near their place of occupation.

Assistance for construction of houses

1936. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided that urban poor getting assistance for construction of their own homes have to deposit 10 per cent of the total assistance;

(b) the number of urban poor who have got houses in this scheme in the country till date and the total fund allotted in the country; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per Guidelines of Sub-Mission - Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) — components of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), a minimum of